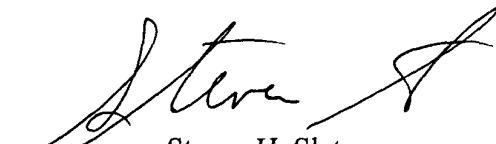


Remarks:

Claims 1-23 were originally filed in the parent application. Claims 1-23 have been canceled herein and claims 24-27 have been added. Accordingly, claims 24-27 are currently pending in the present application. Applicant believes claims 24-27 are in condition for allowance.

This amendment also corrects certain typographical errors in the specification. No new matter has been added by this preliminary amendment. If the Examiner should have any questions or feel that a discussion would advance the prosecution, the Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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